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SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE STATE SOCIETY AND THE OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT SOCIETIES

The second semi-annual meeting of the State and constituent society officers was held in San Francisco on Saturday, September 24, 1921. The meeting was well attended by forty-one delegates, representing constituent societies from nearly every part of the State. Several of the local societies unfortunately were not represented.

It was a splendid meeting with a definite program which elicited much discussion and was carried out in a series of resolutions. Dr. John H. Graves, president of the State Society, presided, and short addresses were given by President Graves, Dr. Dudley Smith, president of the League for the Conservation of Public Health, Mr. Hartley F. Peart, general counsel for both the State Society and the League, and a number of other representatives. The importance and effectiveness of these semi-annual meetings of the Council and officers of the various societies is indicated by the following series of resolutions passed unanimously at this meeting:

1. Monthly Report of County Secretaries:

RESOLVED, That the Council of the State Medical Society and the officers of constituent societies meeting in joint session unanimously endorse and approve the program of monthly reports by secretaries of constituent societies to the State Society. It is to the best interest of medicine for the public and the profession that these reports be forwarded every month and made as complete as possible, regardless of whether the society holds a meeting or not.

2. Constituent Society Representation at the State Meeting:

RESOLVED, That the Council of the State Medical Society and the officers of constituent societies, meeting in joint session, unanimously endorse and approve the policy of the State Society's including in the program of annual meetings arrangements for one or two joint meetings between the council and the officers of constituent societies as part of the official program. It is understood that this will necessitate the presence at each State meeting of the officers of each constituent society in an official capacity;

(b) That care be used in the selection of delegates and alternates of constituent societies

to the State meetings, so that the House of Delegates may be truly representative; and that it be interpreted as a most important public duty for the delegates and alternates to attend the State meetings; and

(c) That, whenever the officially elected delegates and alternates fail to attend the State meeting for any legitimate reason, the president or secretary of the society, who will be present in another official capacity, may act as delegate.

3. Change of Officers:

RESOLVED, That this joint meeting go on record as unanimously in favor of a policy that will insure, as far as may be, a fair degree of permanency in the secretary's office of constituent societies. To this end, it is our opinion and our recommendation that constituent societies select their secretaries with the greatest care and that frequent changes in this office be avoided.

(b) In order further to secure consecutive policy in the constituent societies, we recommend that all constituent societies elect in addition to the secretary an assistant secretary, who shall be an understudy to the secretary and who for any legitimate reason shall assume the duties of secretary;

4. Training of Officers for Medical Organizational Purposes:

This body unanimously recommends that the State Society prepare an adequate outline of the duties of president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of constituent societies, and that the State secretary be requested to present this program at the next meeting of this joint body for consideration.

(b) In order that officers of the State and constituent societies may serve their purpose in the most useful way, we recommend that it be part of the official duty of officers of constituent societies when in San Francisco to visit the State offices for the discussion of special problems peculiar to our organization.

5. Stated Meetings of the State and Constituent Society Officers:

RESOLVED, That this body unanimously endorse and approves the policy of definite meetings of State and constituent society officers as follows: One or two meetings at and during the annual meeting and one midyear meeting, to be held alternate years in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

6. Program Arrangements for Constituent Societies:

RESOLVED,

(a) That each constituent society prepare and execute each year one special program; that this program be sent to the State secretary, who will give it publicity, with the hope that it will be taken in toto as the program of another society;

(b) That the program committee of the State Society be requested to prepare and issue to all societies one or more uniform programs, to be discussed at the same monthly meeting by every society in the State. These programs should relate to subjects of importance to all members of the profession;

(c) That it be understood to be a duty of the councilor for each councilor district to visit at least one meeting a year of each constituent society within his district; and that he, in the discharge of this duty, should arrange with the secretary of the society to be visited for the program for that particular meeting; provided, that each councilor report on the execution of this part of the program at the State meeting;

(d) That the policy of a certain number of open meetings for each constituent society is approved and recommended. In the opinion of this body each constituent society should hold not less than one nor more than three open

meetings a year, to which the general public shall be invited and which may or may not include speakers not medical men. In our opinion programs of this character should have the approval of the State program committee before being given;

(e) That the county program committees should seriously consider, at least in small counties, variations in the location of the meeting place, using different towns in the county for different meetings, and often in smaller places holding the meetings at the residences of individual members;

(f) Joint meeting of more than one society. This body approves as good policy an occasional joint meeting between small groups of constituent societies suitably located for this purpose. Programs at these meetings may be held either by one society, with the other societies as guests, or arrangements may be made for a combined program in which each of the societies of the group shall be interested;

(g) That the program committee of the State Society, under the chairmanship of the secretary, be used as a clearing house for all program work of constituent societies throughout the State; that it be interpreted to be a duty of the State and local secretaries to confer by correspondence or otherwise in making plans for advance programs; and that each constituent society have a list of programs as far as possible in advance of the meetings.

7. Extension Work of the State Society:

RESOLVED, That this body endorses and approves the idea of the State Society's developing and maintaining an extension program that will provide a list of available subjects and speakers, from which local program committees may select and extend invitations as they desire.

RESOLVED, That we urge and recommend that this extension program be expanded to include clinics, lectures, research work, etc., in the larger centers, this program to be arranged in short all-day courses of from one to four weeks each, beginning and ending upon definite dates.

8. County Editors:

RESOLVED, That this body recommend to the Council: that the present system of county associate editors for the State Journal be discontinued, and that instead the secretary of each constituent society ex-officio act as editor for his county or district.

The next semi-annual meeting of this official body will be held during the State Meeting in Yosemite next May.

The secretary of the State Society invites correspondence on matters which should be taken up at these meetings. Any local society that has a question it wishes discussed may refer it to the office of the State secretary, and it will be placed in the files for the next succeeding meeting.

COUNCIL OF THE STATE SOCIETY

(Abstract of the Minutes of the 127th and 128th Meetings)

Dr. Joseph Catton was sent by the Council to represent the California State Society at the Nevada State Society's annual meeting. The Nevada State Medical Society House of Delegates passed a resolution making the California State Journal of Medicine the official organ of the Nevada State Medical Society, and also passed a resolution appointing a small committee with power to act, further extending relations between the California and Nevada Societies.

Dr. Alfred C. Reed represented the California State Society at the annual meeting of the Utah State Society in Salt Lake. Dr. Reed received a most cordial reception in Utah, and the House of Delegates took actions which will be for the betterment of medicine in the western States.

Membership Card: The secretary presented a design for a membership card, which was adopted, and the secretary was instructed to furnish one of these cards to every new member and to every member annually as his dues are paid, this card to be considered the official notice of membership in good standing for the current year.

The Council approved the policy of requesting the League for the Conservation of Public Health to issue a uniform system of clinical and other record forms for hospitals throughout the State. Two forms, that of anesthesiology and operating-room record form, were specifically approved and recommended to the League for introduction into hospitals with the endorsement of the State Society.

Medical Histories of Various Counties of California: The Council endorsed a suggestion to various constituent societies that a profitable meeting devoted to discussion of the subject of the medical history of each county might be held during the coming year. It was suggested that discussion at this meeting should note by name and brief biographical history the medical men who have contributed to the advancement of medicine, public health and social betterment in the county and who have passed away; lives of living men, except those who have entirely retired from practice, not to be included in the biographies. The meeting should bring out the story of the progress of the practice of medicine and public health, social betterment and health influences in the advancement of civilization of the county from early days until the present. Facts brought out at these discussions might very well be written up and forwarded to the State secretary for compilation and use, at least in part, in some editorial way. The complete record ought to form part of the archives of the medical profession of this State. It is believed by the Council that a meeting of this character could be made both interesting and instructive to members of the medical profession and the public, each organization to decide for itself the advisability of having these open meetings and inviting the public to be present. It might be well to have on these programs certain prominent persons of the community interested in recording the medical and public health history of their communities and who themselves are not physicians.

Nursing Situation: The Council approved the suggestion that the secretary call the attention of various constituent societies to the importance of arousing interest in the nursing profession and in schools of nursing. It was suggested that one meeting, which should be an open meeting with the public invited, be arranged for discussing the nursing situation in each county of the State. That meeting should bring out the needs for applicants to fill the ranks of this profession, its advantages as a career for women, and it should be an appeal to young women prepared to do so to take up this profession.

Shepherd-Towner Bill: Correspondence and documents regarding the Shepherd-Towner bill having been brought to the attention of the Council, after due discussion the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED, That the medical profession of California endorses the stand taken quite generally by the medical profession throughout the country with reference to the Shepherd-Towner bill. The need of better maternity opportunities, as well as the need for better medicine and better public health opportunities in general, is fully realized by the medical profession, who are duly sympathetic and vitally interested in bettering these conditions. However, they are most positively opposed to the method proposed or to any other method that is based upon varying forms of social health insurance, of which the Shepherd-Towner bill is one. Therefore, the publication of any literature endorsing this bill directly or indirectly does not meet with the approval of the Council;